

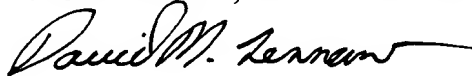
Moreover, MPEP § 811 states further that the Examiner "will consider whether there will be a serious burden in restriction is not required." It is believed that the Examiner has not considered whether there would be a serious burden. Since the noted classes have already been searched, an Office Action was issued on the merits, and a response was filed, there is no serious burden on the Examiner which would require a restriction in this case.

For the reasons outlined above, the restriction requirement should be entirely withdrawn. Prompt consideration and examination of all of the originally elected claims in this one case is respectfully solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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